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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE  
PRESIDENT FROM REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENT  
PARK CHUNG HEE

REF: SEOUL 5041

1. FYI: FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PARK  
TO PRESIDENT FORD DELIVERED DEPARTMENT BY MESSENGER:

"THE PRESIDENT,THE WHITE HOUSE,WASHINGTON, D. C.

ON THE BICENTENNIAL OF YOUR NATION, I WISH TO EXTEND  
MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND THE BEST WISHES OF  
THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO YOU AND THE  
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. OVER THE PAST TWO CENTURIES  
YOUR NATION HAS NOT ONLY ACHIEVED AN UNPARALLELED MATERIAL  
CIVILIZATION ON THIS PLANET BUT ALSO ATTESTED TO  
ITS GREATNESS IN MORAL VALUES AS THE STANDARD BEARER  
OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY. THUS THE UNITED  
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STATES HAS BECOME THE SOURCE OF GREAT INSPIRATION

TO ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD ASPIRING TO BE FREE AND  
INDEPENDENT. PARTICULARLY, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
AND ITS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INDEBTED GREATLY TO YOUR  
COUNTRY AND YOUR PEOPLE IN ATTAINING THEIR NATIONHOOD,

IN PRESERVING THEIR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE AND IN  
BUILDING A STABLE AND VIABLE NATION IN THE FACE OF THE  
MOST AGGRESSIVE NORTH KOREAN COMMUNISTS. THEREFORE IT  
IS MOST FITTING FOR US TO JOIN OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS  
IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THIS IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARY AND IN  
WISHING THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO UPHOLD  
ITS GREATNESS AND ENJOY THE FRUITS OF SUSTAINED PROGRESS  
AND PROSPERITY IN THE NEW ERA THAT IS ABORNING. PARK  
CHUNG HEE, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA." END FYI.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE  
DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT:

QUOTE

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK  
YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON  
THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR  
NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDED-  
ICATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF  
LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO  
WITH THE ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS  
BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SIN-  
CERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT  
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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